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Applicant: ROLFE C. ANDERSON et al.
Serial No: 09/751,657
Filed: December 31, 2000
For: MINIATURIZED GENETIC ANALYSIS SYSTEMS AND METHODS

Examiner: <not yet assigned>
Art Unit: 1744

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated April 25, 2001 (copy enclosed), Applicants respectfully submit the following:

- Notice to File Missing Parts (dated April 25, 2001);
- Statement Regarding Figs. 55C to 66B;
- Preliminary Amendment;
- Oath and Declaration filed in parent U.S. Application 09/005,985, filed January 12, 1998, now U.S. Pat. 6,168,948.
- Petition for One Month Extension of Time; and
- Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, please contact the undersigned at 781-274-8064. **Please charge all PTO fees and apply all credits to the Deposit Account No. 01-0431.** A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

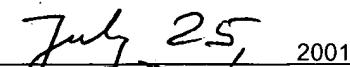


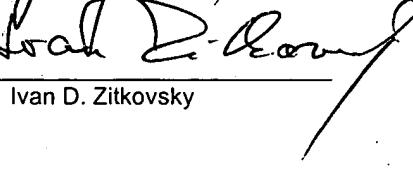
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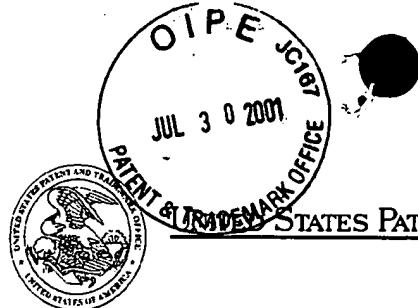
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$2250.
 - \$810 for 45 total claims over 20.
 - \$1440 for 18 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 3090.**

The following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 55C to 66B described in the specification

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted

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item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date **must be filed within TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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STATEMENT RE OMITTED FIGS. 55C – 66B

In the Notice to File Missing Parts, dated April 25, 2001, the U.S. PTO raised a question regarding possibly omitted Figures 55C – 66B. Applicants respectfully submit that the issue occurred due to misnumbering of the provided Figures, there are no omitted figures in the application and the application is complete as was received and considered by the OIPE on April 25, 2001. Therefore, there is no need to file a Petition or take any action under Section I or II stated in the Notice to File Missing Parts (copy enclosed).

1. The above-captioned application is a continuation/ divisional of the parent U.S. Application 09/005,985, filed January 12, 1998, now U.S. Pat. 6,168,948.

2. When filing the above-captioned application, Applicants submitted an exact copy of the parent specification filed on January 12, 1998 in the parent U.S. Application 09/005,985. Originally, in the parent specification, several figure numbers were skipped, and this formal "numbering" deficiency was corrected by the Examiner in an Examiner's Action dated July 14, 2000. (Of course, no new matter was entered on July 14, 2000.) When submitting formal drawings for publication, Applicants submitted the renumbered drawings 1 through 55B on October 16, 2000 as requested by the Examiner.

3. When filing the above-captioned application on December 31, 2000, Applicants submitted the original specification, and the renumbered formal drawings (identical to the submitted formal drawings in the parent Application 09/005,985). There was, however, the figure numbering discrepancy between the original specification and the corrected numbering of the formal drawings. As was done by the Examiner in the parent application, Applicants will correct the formal "numbering" deficiency in the submitted, pending specification.

4. Please also note that when filing the above-captioned application on December 31, 2000, Applicants incorporated by reference the parent U.S. Application 09/005,985, now U.S. Pat. 6,168,948. Therefore, the present above-captioned application includes the entire subject matter disclosed in the parent U.S. Application 09/005,985, now U.S. Pat. 6,168,948 (copy enclosed).

5. Therefore, the above-captioned application includes only a numbering informality and is complete as received on December 31, 2000, and considered by the OIPE on April 25, 2001.

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